

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TRACKING GAME OF CHANCE PROCEEDS

Cross Reference to Related Application

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Technical Field

The present invention relates generally to a system and method for tracking game of chance play and proceeds. More particularly, the invention relates to a system and method for allocating a portion of a player's purchase and/or potential winnings to a player's account.

Background of the Invention

Games of chance (e.g., lotteries) have been offered by various sponsors (e.g., government agencies and private industry) depending upon the laws of each State. With the proliferation of States allowing casinos, river boat gambling and lotteries, increasingly, sponsors have engaged in competition for the gaming public's money. For example, State-operated games of chance (e.g., lotteries) are engaged in competition with other forms of legal gaming (e.g., church-sponsored bingo, casinos, online gaming and/or racing) and illegal gaming. At present, there are approximately thirty-seven States that operate lotteries and games of chance to benefit the State.

Public perception of State-sanctioned gaming has also influenced sponsors. Further, a disproportionate amount of the gaming public playing state lotteries is comprised of economically, educationally and/or socially disadvantaged citizens. For example, States that are now dependent upon lottery-generated funds, find themselves in the uncomfortable position of promoting gaming in order to generate revenue with a disproportionate amount of the revenue being raised from the economically, educationally and/or socially